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Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Bulletins, Offering Plates, and Masks are available on tables.

Listening devices are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

Children's Activity Bags containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Thank you!

Restrooms are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest"

Password: godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

August 20, 2023
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Patty Ruckman
June Oaks
June Oaks

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

190TH ANNIVERSARY-DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the Education Building was erected in 1951 and was dedicated debt free? And now you know!

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the". The second staff has: "jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter". The third staff has: "who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the". The fourth staff has: "jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." The score includes various chords such as F, Dm, Gm7, C, Bb, G7, and F7. There are also directions for "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come.

People: **God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people. God gathers all the outcasts together, and makes us joyful!**

Leader: Together we worship our just, mighty and unifying God!

*HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

No. 31

31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Db Eb Ab

1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Ebsus Eb Ab

that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;

Ab $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab Db Eb Ab $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab Db Eb

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Ebsus Eb Ab

the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We call to God, saying, “Have mercy!” We call to God, saying, “Lord, help us!”

People: **We call to God even, in the midst of our sin, knowing God is gracious and just.**

Leader: Trusting in God’s justice and grace, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

***CONFESSION**

Leader: God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.

People: **We want to focus on the good— on the love, the compassion, the care— and ignore the bad— the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts.**

Leader: Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy. Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God.

People: **This is God’s great mercy, that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1967

F B \flat F C7 F C7 F

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son, and the Ho-ly Ghost;

The first system of music features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a melody in the right hand that mirrors the vocal line.

Gm C7 F Dm

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The second system continues the piece. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

Gm C7 F Gm C7

world with-out end. A - men. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with the established eighth-note bass line and right-hand melody.

F Dm Gm C7 F

now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F Bb F

A - men. A - men. A - men.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15

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Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

(NT) pg. 160

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*HYMN

Psalm 67

(Same tune as *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*)

*God of mercy and compassion,
Lord of Love, redeeming grace;
Let the brightness of Your glory
Shine upon us in this place.
Show all nations Your salvation,
End our dark, long-suff'ring days;
Cause our hearts with joy to greet You;
Fill the earth with songs of praise!*

*Sing with joy, the Lord is coming!
God with us, Immanuel,
Brings in triumph our salvation,
Death shall die, and life prevail.
In the wisdom of God's justice
Righteousness shall conquer scorn;
On God's head, the crown of nations;
In God's heart, a crown of thorns.*

*Come, Almighty, now and bless us,
Your great covenant renew;
May creation yield its increase,
Find its greatest gift in You.
Ev'ry tongue shall call You blessed,
Ev'ry voice a welcome bring
To the Word of God incarnate;
Earth shall bow, and heaven sing!*

(Beecher; 8.7.8.7.D)

358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

B \flat E \flat /
B \flat B \flat F7 B \flat F/
E \flat E \flat B \flat /
F F7 B \flat

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;

E \flat B \flat F7 F \sharp dim7 Gm E \flat B \flat /
F F7 B \flat

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Gm Gm Gm D7 Gm D B \flat E \flat /
B \flat D B \flat B \flat F/
C C7 F7

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

B \flat E \flat B \flat F7 F \sharp dim7 Gm E \flat B \flat /
F F7 B \flat

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Sisters and brothers, there's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea! Therefore, let us come before our loving God and call upon God's great mercy.

Loving God, you have shown your Church such great mercy. Through the witness of your Church may all the world experience the goodness of your mercy.

People: Hear us, we humbly pray; Lord, help us.

Leader: Lord of All peoples, you have created us to live together. Help us to see that our common life depends on each other's work and goodwill. May wars cease and generosity prevail.

People: Hear us, we humbly pray; Lord, help us.

Leader: Abundant God, you make the earth bring forth good food. As you provided for the children of Israel, we pray you will also provide for all those suffering from famine in our world.

People: Hear us, we humbly pray; Lord, help us.

Leader: Caring God, how good and pleasant it is when your children live together in unity. Pour out a spirit of reconciliation in our community.

People: Hear us, we humbly pray; Lord, help us.

Leader: Lord Christ, may those who call out to you in great faith find your heart open to their cries. We ask for healing for the sick and suffering, the desperate and disturbed. Especially we pray for Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jerry Newman, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

People: Hear us, we humbly pray; Lord, help us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you are with us now and always, as close as our breath, fainter than the gentlest whisper, louder than a roaring train. In your own way, in each soul, speak to us now your will for our living.

People: **Hear us, we humbly pray; speak Lord, your servants are listening.**

Leader: God of Blessing, in the wideness of your mercy bless your people with life for evermore. May our days be lived in joyful obedience to the life Jesus willed for us when he taught us to pray by saying **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No.34
(Tune is the same but words have changed)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known.
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Amen.*

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures

here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 61

Bb F7sus F7 F7 F7 Bb2 Bb Eb Bb F7 Bb G7 C C7 F

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner and more grac-es for the good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
 4 If our love were but more sim-ple, we would take him at his word,

F7 Bb F7 F7 Bb Gm Ebm Bb D Gm Eb Fsus F F7 Bb

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)
MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée (1858-1913)

WELLESLEY
8.7.8.7.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way.

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in__ ev - 'ry way.

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our__ God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another!

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in honor of Alice Hartwig's 90th birthday by Dean & Kate, Steve & Diana, Jane & Pete, and Barb & Mike.

After Sunday's worship, please take home your altar flowers. They will be kept in the church office after Sunday.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Alice Hartwig (South door), Cora Walterbusch (Barb Topp's granddaughter) (East door), and a sympathy card for Joann Freeman's family (North door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- August 5 | Worship In-Person-22; August 6 | Worship In-Person-58, Online-66; August 13 | Worship In-Person-62, Online-55

Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.

Volunteers Needed & Office Hours Update – Urgently looking for volunteers to be in the office to answer the phone, M-Th 1-3:30pm. If interested, please contact the office.

For this fall semester only, Leah will have a hybrid work schedule (working in-office and remotely) starting tomorrow Monday, August 21, 2023. Her in-office hours will be M,W,F: 8-10am and T & Th: 8am-noon. She will still be able to communicate through email stpaulnb@nktelco.net when working remotely. If you need to drop something off to the office while it's closed, please put it in the office's safe box mail slot & attach a note with it if needed. Thank you!

St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement-The St. Paul Church Nursery is open on Communion Sunday (First Sunday of each month). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion, at 937-658-1770.

Mission Team Meeting- is today following worship in the Assembly Room.

Deadline for Monthly Mailer Submissions- Please submit any information you would like included in the September mailer to the church office email stpaulnb@nktelco.net by tomorrow, August 21st. Thank you!

Kick-Off Sunday- Please join us on September 10th as we “kick-off” the start of our youth programs and Sunday School, as well as gathering for our 190th Anniversary!

190th Anniversary- We will be celebrating St. Paul’s 190th Anniversary on September 10th! Following worship service, there will be a congregation picture taken and then a church celebration. Sandwiches and water/coffee will be provided. Please bring a side dish- a sign-up sheet will be out later in August. Crafts will be available for kids! If you have something you would like to share/contribute to our Church History table for viewing, please bring it on that Sunday, September 10th to the assembly room. We hope to see you there as we rejoice in this exciting time!

September Book Club- We will be reading *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Books are available to pick up from the table outside the pastor’s office. This event will be offered via Zoom and in-person on Sunday, September 24 following worship in the Zoom Room.

The Heartland Conference- The 2023 Annual Gathering of the Heartland Conference is approaching. You will want to save the dates on your calendar and make plans to attend this event, which promises to be one of the most informative and inspiring ever.

This year’s Annual Gathering will be held on Friday, Sept.29 and Saturday, Sept. 30 at a new location: Gender Road Christian Church, 5336 Gender Rd. in Canal Winchester, Ohio (southeast of Columbus). Registration information and hotel recommendations for those with greater travel distances will be sent out shortly and will be included on the website: heartlanducc.org.

The highlight of the Annual Gathering will be the keynote address given by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, the newly-installed General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

August Monthly Mission: Strengthen the Church

August's monthly mission is Strengthen the Church. This year's theme is "On Holy Ground." The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Thank you for your support – The Mission Team

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Office Administrator, Worship Organist, Music Director, Bell Choir Director, and Chancel Choir Director. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter, indicating position applying for, to the church office, attention Myra Hanenkratt, Council President.

The Office Administrator is a part-time position which includes bulletin creation, keeper of vital church records, and phone answering among other tasks.

The Worship Organist is responsible for playing organ/piano during worship services, accompanies the choirs and works closely with the Worship Team.

The Music Director/Bell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director serves part time to recruit, rehearse and perform bell and chancel choir music. The Music Director works closely with the Worship Team.

Blessing Pantry-is open during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm.** The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome–Blessing Pantry Needs- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Detergent, Softener Sheets, Softener/Liquid, Body Wash (Women and Men), Shampoo, Conditioner, Dish Soap, Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, Diaper Cream/Desitan, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Diapers (Sizes: Newborn, 1, 5, 6).** Thank you! There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Bulletin & Sermon Availability-weekly bulletins and sermons are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** or **SERMON** box along the top of the website.

July/August Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

Calendar-Week of August 20, 2023

Sunday	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Mission Team Meeting
	2:00pm	Scheduled Directory Photos
Monday		Monthly Mailer Deadline
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday		School Starts
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed

E-Giving @ St. Paul

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

**How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25
(minimum amount is \$5.00))**

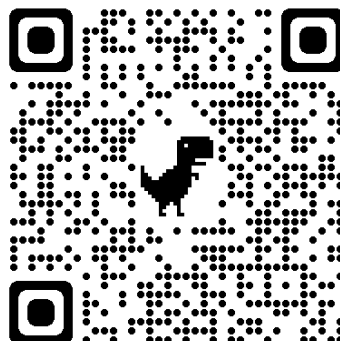
- For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

Once a text amount is sent:

Registration Link- Sent via text the first time a donation is made.

Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made.



Join us for worship,
lunch, and celebration!!
Sunday, September 10th
Celebrating 190 Years!



St. Paul United Church of Christ
1833-2023

Please look in the Announcements section of the bulletin for more details

A festive banner at the top of the page features a string of colorful triangular pennants in white, yellow, blue, red, and green. Scattered around the banner are several balloons in various colors: orange, red, white, yellow, blue, and pink. Small gold confetti dots are also scattered throughout the background.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL
KICK-OFF CELEBRATION*

**WELCOME
BACK YOUTH!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
9AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:15 AM YOUTH WORSHIP BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION!
YOUTH BIBLE PRESENTATION
LUNCH TO FOLLOW WORSHIP!**